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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/883,002
Filing Date	June 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Shaw et al.
Group Art Unit	3711
Examiner Name	William M. Pierce
Attorney Docket Number	930016-2002

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under CFR 1.114.**
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed (via facsimile)
 - i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 w/ Request for One Month Suspension of Examination Under 37 C.F.R. 1.103 (c)
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
 - b. ☐ Other
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$790.00 is enclosed for the following:
 - i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
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Effective October 1, 2000

Application or Docket Number

3173-1001P
09/883002

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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